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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1A-17
110 ILCS 205/20 new

Amends the Election Code. Provides that, for each even-numbered year that a general election is to be held, each public institution of higher learning shall send an electronic message to each student enrolled in the institution devoted exclusively to information on voter registration. Sets forth requirements concerning the content of the message and when it should be sent. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall issue a notice to each public institution of higher learning of the requirements concerning the electronic message in August of each even-numbered year during which a general election is held. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall include specified information concerning college voter registration on its Internet website. Effective January 1, 2014.

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Section
5 1A-17 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-17)

7 Sec. 1A-17. Voter registration outreach.

8 (a) The Secretary of State, the Department of Human
9 Services, the Department of Children and Family Services, the
10 Department of Public Aid, the Department of Employment
11 Security, and each public institution of higher learning in
12 Illinois must make available on its World Wide Web site a
13 downloadable, printable voter registration form that complies
14 with the requirements in subsection (d) of Section 1A-16 for
15 the State Board of Elections' voter registration form.

16 (b) Each public institution of higher learning in Illinois
17 must include voter registration information and a voter
18 registration form supplied by the State Board of Elections
19 under subsection (e) of Section 1A-16 in any mailing of student
20 registration materials to an address located in Illinois. Each
21 public institution of higher learning must provide voter
22 registration information and a voter registration form
23 supplied by the State Board of Elections under subsection (e)

1 of Section 1A-16 to each person with whom the institution
2 conducts in-person student registration.

3 (c) As used in this Section, a public institution of higher
4 learning means a public university, college, or community
5 college in Illinois.

6 (d) In addition to any other requirements of this Section,
7 each public institution of higher learning shall send an
8 electronic message devoted exclusively to information on voter
9 registration to each student enrolled in the institution at an
10 e-mail address provided by the student. This electronic message
11 shall include a link to the websites for the local election
12 authority and the State Board of Elections, and a downloadable
13 voter registration application. The electronic message shall
14 contain information on grace period voter registration. This
15 electronic message shall be sent between September 15 and
16 September 25 of each even-numbered year during which a general
17 election is held. Each public institution of higher learning
18 shall submit a copy of their electronic message, along with the
19 date that it was sent, to the Board of Higher Education.

20 (e) The Board of Higher Education shall maintain on its
21 Internet website a page devoted to the ongoing compliance with
22 subsection (d) of this Section. The page shall contain: (i) a
23 list of all public institutions of higher learning; (ii) a link
24 to the page on each institution's website that contains
25 information on voter registration; (iii) suggested language
26 for the electronic message that each institution must send; and

1 (iv) the date that each institution sent the required
2 electronic message, as reported to the Board. The Board shall
3 issue a notice to each public institution of higher learning of
4 the requirements of subsection (d) of this Section in August of
5 each even-numbered year during which a general election is
6 held.

7 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; incorporates P.A. 94-492,
8 eff. 1-1-06; 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

9 Section 20. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended by
10 adding Section 20 as follows:

11 (110 ILCS 205/20 new)

12 Sec. 20. College voter registration; website. The Board
13 shall include on its Internet website all information required
14 pursuant to subsection (e) of Section 1A-17 of the Election
15 Code.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
17 1, 2014.